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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendments of the San Joaquin Council of Governments' (SJCOG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 10 | Transit Element <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds a new operating assistance project for the San Joaquin Regional Transit District. The project includes Federal Transit Authority (FTA) Section 5311 funds. |
| 11 | Transit Element <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds a new project to fund the San Joaquin Regional Transit Maintenance Facility for ACE Service. The project includes FTA Section 5309 New Starts Funds. |

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve these FTIP Amendments for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of these FTIP Amendments and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement. Therefore these FTIP Amendments are consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by SJCOG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

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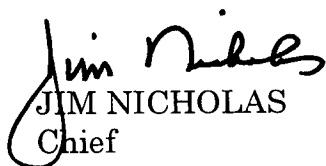
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In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The SJCOG prepared these FTIP Amendments under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Muhaned Aljabiry of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Nicholas", is written over the printed name and title.

JIM NICHOLAS

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

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